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North Pole, here we come!

Shamrock Valley Enterprises and their light-studded Polar Express drew plenty of admiring attention as it tootled its way up Main Street in the Winter Wonderland Parade that kicked off an evening of excitement and activities at Friday's Christmas Extravaganza. More photos, Page 5.

Extravaganza paints the town bright

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

While shopping fever reached near-riot proportions in malls across North America on Friday, Elk Point was busy getting ready to paint the town bright at the 27th annual Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza.

Extravaganza had its roots in a late-night shopping event close to Christmas, but has evolved to take in the whole community, with events this year at the Seniors' Recreation Centre, Visitor Information Eco Centre,

Outreach and F. G. Miller High Schools and the A. G. Ross Arena. The downtown businesses enjoyed the influx of shoppers throughout the day, but as evening arrived, the focus turned to the added attractions.

The Seniors' Recreation Centre hosted not only a 40-table trade show offering everything from local history books, and knit scarves and homemade jam to jewelry, cookware and specialty teas, but also a fine exhibition of the works of talented local artists Shirley Kinneberg, Linda Hymanyk, Kathy Gusnowski, Dawn Bruins and June Jenkins, as well as guest artist

Donna Jean Zimmerman of Bonnyville. Kinneberg, who organized the show, was excited to report that a painting she had entered, one of 385 in the Arabella Canadian Landscapes Contest, has just made the 25-entry short list.

Santa was also on hand at the Seniors' and visited with long lineups of youngsters in the late afternoon and throughout the evening, while photographer Leanne Gilbert captured an endless series of cute images for posterity.

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Town provides support for Extravaganza

By VICKI BROOKER
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Elk Point town council voted to support the Chamber of Commerce Christmas Extravaganza at last week's meeting, approving a request to have the public works crew deliver bonfire rings and firewood, a request to allow the fireworks to be located east of the snowmobile club cabin, and a request for financial support, agreeing to donate \$500 again this year. Council also agreed to enter a parade float, with volunteers from council handing out hot chocolate, which turned out to be a big hit with parade watchers last year.

The town's seasonal generosity didn't stop there, as council also agreed

to donate \$300 to Santas Anonymous. However, proposals to place Christmas greeting ads on radio were tabled to the next meeting for further discussion.

NLLS approval

Council approved the Northern Lights Library System budget, which includes a two per cent increase in municipal per capita levies.

AMSC master agreement

Copies of the Alberta Municipal Services Corporation (AMSC) Energy Member Master Agreement were distributed to council for their review, with council agreeing to wait until the Dec. 9 meeting before proceeding.

Town manager Myron Goyan will be requested to check on the signing dead-

line for the agreement.

Public Works recommendations

Four recommendations from the Public Works Committee were brought before council.

A representative of Accu Flow Meter Service will be invited to attend an upcoming meeting and make a presentation on their company's automatic meter reading equipment to council.

Council approved the construction of a six-foot chain fence around the sewage lagoon, providing it will become part of the construction costs and therefore eligible for grant funding. Cost of the fence is estimated at \$93,500.

Snow removal and sanding were discussed, with council approving the

recommendation to extend the town's winter sanding program to include the healthcare centre and the schools.

The committee also recommended that council enforce the sidewalk snow removal bylaw, with council agreeing to send notices out with the next water bills.

Council discussed the benefits of placing signs to indicate where snowplowing would take place, with Coun. Young stating his intention to bring that matter up at the next public works meeting.

Young also asked for an update on the recent break in the water line from St. Paul, which is still not in operation.

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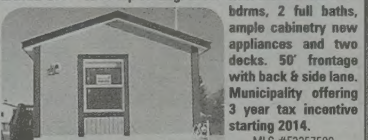


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Council

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Bill 28

A letter from Leader of the Opposition Danielle Smith with an update on Bill 28, the Modernizing Regional Governance Act, which she feels would "formalize the ability of the Minister of Municipal Affairs to impose growth management boards on municipalities throughout the province."

However, Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich, who attended a session with Minister of Municipal Affairs Doug Griffith at the recent AUMA Conference, said Griffith indicated that it is not the intention to force municipalities, but rather to give them the opportunity to come together.

er. However, he said, "(municipalities) can't just opt out afterward." The government plans to get input from the municipalities regarding the act, he noted.

AUMA

Coun. Yaremkevich gave a rundown on the sessions he attended at the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association conference. The first featured Premier Alison Redford, Griffiths and several other ministers, with the main topic being the floods that ravaged southern Alberta this summer. Some \$37 million has been budgeted to assist those affected.

The second session was entitled 'Infrastructure management simplified,' where it was announced

that Elk Point and Boyle are both part of a government funded pilot project for assessment of municipal infrastructure that Yaremkevich says "will give us a plan of what needs to be done." He said that Elk Point was chosen because it has the highest economic growth per capita in the province of communities under 10,000 population, while Boyle was chosen because of its location on Highway 63.

The second day of the conference included speakers from the opposition parties and time to view a huge trade show, where Yaremkevich tracked down information and contacts for the skateboard park.

Extravaganza

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Over at the Outreach School, students and staff hosted a Scholastic book sale, where many took advantage of this opportunity to buy gifts and stocking stuffers for those who love to read.

Promptly at 6 p.m., sidewalks filled with viewers as floats and other entries lined up for the Winter Wonderland Parade. With Elk Point Victim Services and the RCMP leading the way, close to 20 brightly lighted displays toured the town, with the Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department taking time out from tending the main street bonfires to bring up the rear.

Following the parade, many youngsters headed for the EcoCentre, where Sprinkles the Clown was soon on hand to create her incredible balloon art as well as for two feature shows. She shared the space with the Elk Point Community Lions, who were collecting donations for Santas Anonymous.

The EcoCentre was also the starting point for the tractor-drawn wagon rides, with Prairie Tech and Truck-in 2000's big green tractors towing loads of happy riders around town all evening.

The tractors' routes took them up to the high school area, where a packed crowd was on hand for the first-ever Locker Wars. This event, the brainchild of the joint parent councils of F. G. Miller and Elk Point Elementary Schools, consisted of the auctioning off of the contents of nine stuffed-to-the-doors school lockers filled with donations from businesses and individuals. Rodeo announcer Bernie Poitras served as auctioneer, and after the crowd filed

by for a series of sneak peeks at the contents, gathered bids ranging from \$300 to \$1,400 for the lockers, for a total of more than \$6,900 to go toward breakfast programs, outdoor education camp, speakers and presentations at the schools.

Another huge crowd packed into the A. G. Ross Arena for a hard-fought contest between the St. Paul Jr. B Canadiens and the Vermilion Tigers, with fans coming from both those communities to cheer on their favourites.

Throughout the day, shoppers had the opportunity to fill in draw slips when they made purchases at participating businesses, and to enter the slips in the big red barrel at the Elk Point Co-op. Just before the evening drew to a close with the fireworks display, Chamber of Commerce president Debra McQuinn and her daughter visited to Co-op to officiate in the prize draw, with Debra giving the barrel a few quick turns to stir up the contents, and Jessica drawing the name of Darlene Kozicky from the barrel. When contacted Saturday morning with the good news, Kozicky chose to pay her good fortune forward and asked if, rather than accepting the prize of a small deepfreeze and grocery gift card, the equivalent amount in cash could be donated to the school breakfast programs.

The evening wound up with what some are calling "the best Extravaganza fireworks display ever," with breathtakingly beautiful showers of brilliance lighting up the night sky as a fitting finale to Elk Point's bright and shiny kickoff to the Christmas season.

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Help for Santa's helpers



The organizers of the annual Diamond Drillbit Ladies' Golf Tournament were pleased to assist Santas Anonymous with a \$700 donation from their tournament proceeds. From left to right are Susan MacKinnon, Wanda Cochrane, Elk Point Community Lions president Diane Peifer and Shaina Gadowski.



Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple and some of the honorary members who assist the lodge with bingos and casinos also helped Santas Anonymous again this year, to the tune of \$2,000. Back row, left to right, are Bernadette Godlein, Verna Lazicki, Community Lions president Diane Peifer, Ruby Ann Kittlitz; front, left to right, Kaz Lazicki, Walter Jendruck, Stella Lorensen and Laverne Wilson.

Prairie EMS receives Primer accreditation

INFORMATION SUBMITTED
Providing emergency medical care is an intricate and involved process with many stakeholders and key players helping to make things run smoothly. With over 23 years of experience providing such services, the folks at Prairie EMS have gained an intimate understanding of the challenges facing EMS providers. As an organization that values continuous improvement and provision of the highest levels of care, Prairie EMS has recently attained the Primary Level of accreditation through Accreditation Canada.

"Accreditation Canada is a not-for-profit organization that sets standards for health quality and safety, and accredits health organizations in Canada and

around the world," said Rob Hargreaves, general manager and founder of Prairie EMS. "With roots dating back to 1917, Accreditation Canada has become synonymous with excellence in patient care."

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St. Paul Visual Arts
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Capsule Comments



by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Chris Letawsky

- Getting a tan before you go on that winter holiday won't protect your skin from the intense tropical sun. Be sure to apply a good sunscreen product regularly. Be sure it's a broad-spectrum lotion, with an SPF of at least 15 and protecting against both UVA and UVB sun rays. Also, don't be stingy. Use enough each time.
- Treating thyroid disease with thyroid hormone first occurred back in 1891 when an English doctor treated a patient's low thyroid condition with an extract of sheep thyroid gland. For the next half 20th century, pigs' thyroid glands were the source. In 1949, the Glaxo company created a synthetic version of the hormone which is exactly the same as the human hormone. It is used most often today.
- Looking for some free health apps for your smart phone? Here are a couple. MyMedRec (available at knowledgeisthebestmedicine.org) is a way to keep track of your medications, blood pressure and cholesterol results and immunizations. Another is >30days (from Heart & Stroke Foundation Canada). Available for iPhones, these apps help you reach your goals to improve your heart health.
- After the discovery of penicillin and sulfonamide in the 20s and 30s, the next five decades were sort of a golden age of antibiotic discovery. However, the 90s and 2000s were a wasteland of any new antibiotics. With increasing antibiotic resistance, the slow progress of antibiotic research is a concern for doctors.
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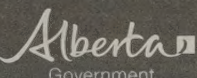
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EDITORIAL

Ice not nice

Be careful out there, everyone - there's ice where you least expect it.

Collisions in downtown Elk Point are far less common than they are in cities, but one late afternoon last week, emergency crews were called to the corner of 50th Ave and 50th Street, after a vehicle reportedly slid through the intersection and broadsided another vehicle.

That streets don't necessarily look or feel slippery, doesn't mean they're not. Black ice can send you spinning in circles without any warning whatsoever.

Walking is likewise a time for caution, in this season when you suddenly find all the ice isn't on the neighbourhood rink. Shoveling and sanding helps, but roof overhangs drip when the sun shines, frost appears on surfaces overnight, and it's slippery again.

Slow down and proceed with caution, everyone!

Way Back When...

Dream dashed, mortgage paid

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF DEC. 3 IN...

1988

So near to his dream, newly elected Member of Parliament John Dahmer passed away from bone marrow cancer just five days after his landslide victory in the Beaver River riding's first federal election. Phase II of the Elk Point Elementary School modernization and addition was put on hold after \$223 million in applications for school building projects were received and only \$8.4 million was available.

1993

Vegreville - Viking MLA Ed Stelmach presented Elk Point Volunteer Fire Department with a \$28,523.70 cheque from the Joint Emergency Preparedness Program and Regional Response Improvement Program toward the purchase of the new rescue van and rescue equipment. F. G. Miller Crusaders brought home the St. Paul Athletic Association Junior Boys' volleyball championship, winning over Frog Lake.

1998

Sid Holthe's Toe Tappers put their best feet forward in an energetic performance at the Elk Point Seniors' annual Christmas party. Plans were finalized for the Christmas Extravaganza, with a bonfire, hot chocolate, hay rides, a colouring contest, and a mystery shopper who would tap shoppers on the shoulder and hand them a gift certificate for that business.

2003

More than a decade of non-stop fundraising came to an end as Doug Bassett handed over the Elk Point Agricultural Society's final payment on a once-massive mortgage dating back to 1992, when the A. G. Ross Arena undertook an ambitious expansion project. Santa came back for a second photo session after cameras malfunctioned and disgruntled parents and disappointed children were turned away from his Extravaganza visit.

2008

All was merry and bright for Christmas Extravaganza, with a movie night, a turkey toss, a giant propane flare by the entertainment stage where Canada Day Idol contestants came back to perform, a brightly lighted parade, and grand prizes of trips on the Snow Train to Jasper. Town council made the decision to build the new fire hall right across Railway Ave. from the bottle depot.



GUEST COLUMN

Christmas celebrations

In talking to our friends and neighbors we often say, "Merry Christmas". The song, "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" was probably written in the sixteenth century. Initially it was performed by "watts," traveling bands of troubadours who sang songs of season on streets in English cities. These troupes would make their living from the gifts of the wealthy who paid to hear their songs. So initially "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" did evoke pleasant thoughts of a holiday that, ironically, was then often ignored by most Christians in England. Though it's not often mentioned today, Christmas was once a lot more like Mardi Gras than a worshipful holiday. This is the reason why Christmas, up until 20 years before the Civil War, was all but ignored in both England and the United States. In Germany and sections of Eastern Europe, the holiday was observed with both awe and reverence, but in the English-speaking world the day had evolved into a time of drunken parties and marauding street gangs, so many upstanding citizens just wanted it to disappear.

Because of pagan elements dating back to the days when Rome ruled the world, for centuries the Protestant church tried to have Christmas abolished. Even after America broke off from Great Britain, celebrating Christmas was a crime in many sections of New England. On December 25, stores and schools in Boston and New York City remained open, Congress met, courts held sessions, and only a few churches unlocked their doors for worship services. Presents were not given out until New Year's and decorating for holidays was unheard of.

Though attempts to officially outlaw Christmas in England had failed during the rule of Oliver Cromwell, the holiday did not resemble a "holy" day. In fact, extra police were placed on duty to try to control the drunken crowds who roamed the streets. As they roamed, they sang songs reflecting their feelings about the day. "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," now sung with a demanding tone, was the most popular of these old carols. There were many more verses to this old holiday standard than what we know today, and the most important element in understanding the lyrics rests not in the first verse but in the refrains

that connect that verse to the chorus. The key line in the old carol is "We won't go until we get some," This meant exactly what it said. The band of singers would knock on the doors of the finest houses and sing out their demands. If the owners of the homes did not meet the loathsome group's requests, then the men often knocked open the doors and took what they pleased. Thus this form of early caroling became a very serious and sometimes lethal version of "trick or treat". Some homeowners and singers were killed during these visits, and many were injured.

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from the FCSS desk

The singing of "We Wish You a Merry Christmas" didn't just announce the arrival of the unwanted band but gave ominous warnings as well. Police and the homeowners usually gauged the seriousness of the situation by carefully listening to the lyrics sung in the song's verses. There were always sighs of relief if only food and drink were mentioned. When the carolers began to demand money or household items, the law and those hearing the song from inside the home became very concerned. The wild nature of Christmas lasted several hundred years in both England and the United States and did not dramatically change until Santa arrived on the scene. In a very real sense, the figure based on St. Nicholas helped save the holiday for families and churches alike. Santa, along with the great German traditions brought to England by Prince Albert when he married Queen Victoria in 1840, erased the centuries-old image of a violent and lawless Christmas, replacing it with one focusing on the true meaning of the holiday and the spirit of giving. This change in perception was the foundation for the Christmas we know and celebrate today. So really the way we celebrate Christmas today is only 173 years old: or, after the civil war ended in 1865, 148 years old.

If you curious about figgy pudding, the recipe consists of figs blended with butter, sugar, eggs, milk, rum, apple, lemon and orange peel, nuts cinnamon, cloves and ginger. Yet while the ingredients are easy to find today, it would probably not be a popular gift during the modern Christmas season. Like the violent Christmas of the past, figgy pudding might best be forgotten.

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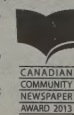
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Elk Point's Filipino community group entered this imaginative and glittering float that brought applause from crowds lining the Extravaganza parade route.



Santa Claus came to town not by flying sleigh, but in Jonny's Electrical's man basket truck, with his reindeer taking a break from their duties to enjoy a ride on the lift boom.



The newly popular sport of pond hockey was the focus of this parade entry, as players, coaches and families toured the town of one of Prairie Tech's tractor-drawn wagons.



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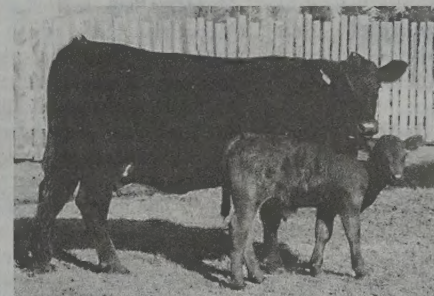
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Dec. 12, 2013	Brooks, Cassils Hall, 190073 Rg. Rd. 15-5	County of Newell Ph. 403-794-2336
Jan. 14, 2014	Mayerthorpe Legion Hall	Lac Ste. Anne Cty. Ph. 780-785-3411
Jan. 15, 2014	Leslieville Community Centre	Clearwater County Ph. 403-845-4444
Jan. 16, 2014	Claresholm Community Centre	MD of Willow Creek Ph. 403-625-3351

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Doors open at 12:30 p.m. Meeting will commence at 1:00 p.m.

Location: Centennial Senior Citizen Hall
5114 - 49 Street, St. Paul

Coffee & refreshments will be served



Players big and small fill the stands

These guys really know how to fill up the stands! I'm not talking about the Jr. B game Friday night, although they did a terrific job of that too; we had about 260 paid attendance at the game plus another 50 or so walk in later on when the wild game went into overtime. The St. Paul Canadiens would eventually win over the Vermilion Tigers 3 to 2 in overtime. It was great entertainment "Let's do this again."

No, what I was referring to, was the first Micro Novice game at home this season against the Frog Lake T Birds; with all the parents and proud grandparents there to witness their little precious protégés play. At this entry level it's very much like a game of dominos; when one of the micro novices starts to fall, they all fall down; and at one point I counted 11 players laying on the ice and only one man standing. The first time referee Parker Allen would try to put a player back on his feet and another two would fall down. Hat tricks for Gavin "Gaffer" Kadutski, "Hurricane Kayl" Warawa, and "Bo Diddly" Fontaine, "Never Give up" Howe with an assist. Goaltender Kale Hoeving looked like a real natural with his puck handling abilities. Some great forechecking by the rest of the crew, Riley and brother Kady Bourne, Sebastian Brousseau, "Timmy Joe" Cardinal, Kaysen DeMoissac, Raif Evans Anderson, "Cyclone Cole" Pierce, Brendon Haesch-Baker, an "Lincoln Park" Pankiw.

The Novice No. 2 team suited up immediately after the micro novice; they played against Frog Lake as well and this one turned into quite a showdown. The Avalanche taking an early five-goal lead, but the T Birds would not be stifled and battled right back to within two in the end. Dean the scoring "Machine" Ockerman with a hat trick right off the bat, "Mic

Jager" Fontaine would throw his hat into the ring as well, his little brother Kade getting two into the mesh and a helper to boot, Cash "CC" Capjack and Mason Youngchief also on the board with assists. Josef Theriault and "Bazooka Joe" Cardinal doing a awesome job of patrolling the blue line, goalie Sam "Spiderman" Rogal catching every fly that came by and Ceejay Cardinal was great on the fore check.

Bad news coming out of last weekend game in Glendon for the Bantam **BASSETT** Avalanche when they found out following the game that their team captain Nicholas Tucker had suffered a upper body injury, a broken hand, and would be out for six weeks. It's going to be a big hole to fill, this guy can really move the puck and fire a bullet from the point and will surely be missed, but that means some of the other guys will have to step up and show some leadership skills.

This past week the Bantam Avalanche also found out they will remain in tier two but will now face the tier two teams from south of highway 16. This past Saturday they traveled to Viking to play in a one-day tournament there, which was also an opportunity for them to see the competition in the south.

Facing off against the Killam Wheat Kings in the first match of the day, the Wheat Kings shelling out 41 shots on goalie Shane "Hercules" Hurtubise. The St. Paul product "Hercules" never takes a day off and carries a lot of weight for the team in every game. Ethan Tremblay with two goals, Chad "Pick Pocket" Poitras picked a puck and proceeded to put it in the pocket. And the sparkplug Austin "Astro" Axley, who can carry a lot of the team weight too, especially considering his size, with a goal. "Slippery Shay" Wood, Warren the "Warrior" Ference and his cousin Cyle Graus with the assists. The team played well but suffered more bad new when one of their top six forwards, D'areh Gadwa, broke his thumb and will also be out for six weeks. It never hurts to have a full bench when it comes to bantam hockey, especially when you play two or three games in a weekend.

In the second game it was like getting attacked by a B 52 Bomber, the Wainwright Bisons fired 52 shots on goal for "Hercules" who was standing on his head again and turned away most of them. "Astro" and

Ozzie "Stafford finding the wicket, Ethan Tremblay and "Pick Pocket" picking up the helpers.

Same story next day on Sunday, back home at the Dome when the weary road warriors hosted Hughenden, "Hercules" getting peppered again, the Avalanche outshot big time, 67 to 12 and it would have been a real ugly slaughter if not for the mighty "Hercules"; the final score a respectable 5 to 2. The shots are not an exaggeration. It was a very busy day in the time booth not only counting shots, but just to keep the game even more interesting, a lot of the Avalanche players took numerous trips to the slammer. In fact "the Big O" Brody Odgaard scored the first goal when Ethan Tremblay spotted him stepping out of the sin bin and flipped him the puck for a wide open break-away. The only other marker coming late in the third when "Warrior Warren" Ference wired one on another nice feed by the "Pick Pocket".

Just before the bantam game the Atom Avalanche hosted Pierceland in a Sunday afternoon matinee and it was the reverse of the bantam game; it was the Avalanche that faced a hot goalie who seem to have some horseshoes going his way too. They always say you have to be lucky to be good. The Avalanche giving him a work out with about a zillion shots, maybe not quite, 45 to be exact plus about half a dozen posts and crossbars the final score 4-all. The "Stafford Streak" going coast to coast for the first one, Jaden "Jet Stream" Van Maarion knocking on the door bangs one home, the wizard Charlie "Angel" Rogal going top shelf and "Lightning Liam" Ludlage labeled one air mail with the right the zip code.

The Novice No. 1 team travelled to Mallaig on Saturday coming home with a 9 to 3 victory. Hat tricks for Luke "Skywalker" Poulin and "King Kong Konner" Poitras, "St Nic" Penner with two and Nathaniel Cousins with a single. Between the pipes "Super Mario" Vanden Moroziuk was taking everything in strides.

And now for the K.A. Campbell quote of the week. "It's not who wins the fight that's important; it's being willing to fight. If you get challenged and renege, everyone wants to take a shot at you." Last week's answer to : "There are two types of forwards. Scores and bangers. Scorers score and bangers bang." - Ken Dryden. Have a sports scoop? Now you can email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



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Christmas comes to Seniors'

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Seniors' Recreation Centre was filled to capacity with seniors and their families on Sunday for the annual Christmas dinner.

Neither MLA Shane Saskiw nor Mayor Parrish Tung were able to be on hand, but Margaret Modin noted that the centre is "supported by the town very well," and gave special thanks to Jay Duffee, who makes sure the parking lot is plowed throughout the winter.

Division 2 Coun. Dwight Dach brought festive greetings from the County of St. Paul.

New Christian Community Church Pastor Dave Holden thanked the community "for being so welcoming," and spoke on the popular Christmas reading, "The

Gift of the Magi," where a cash-strapped couple sold the things they valued most to buy gifts for each other.

"It reminds us that sacrifice is love's truest measure," Pastor Holden said. "Jesus was born to die for us. Christmas is completely about Christ's love for us."

Modin offered special thanks to Pioneer Circle members Lucille Smith, who takes care of Monday night bingo and the frequent jamborees, Bea Campbell, who organizes the morning coffee and games sessions, Jean Ference, organizer of the monthly whist session, the organizers of the weekly floor curling sessions, Faye Smith, who keeps everyone aware of the many seniors' activities in the zone, and Don and Sherry

Schultz, who take care of the centre's janitorial duties at whatever hour they are required, this weekend, with the craft show on Friday quickly followed by the preparations for the Christmas dinner on Sunday, being a good example.

She noted that the centre is a very busy place, with activities throughout the week, and monthly sessions with foot care and dental hygiene, as well as a variety of event bookings.

Pastor Jim MacLellan gave the pre-dinner grace.

Once everyone, was filled to the brim with a mouthwatering dinner of turkey and all the trimmings, plus a wide array of desserts, Gabe Bayduza took her place at the piano while her sister, Rita Sanregret and Lucille Smith led the crowd in the singing of favourite carols.

Levina Ewasiuk, Ken

Pinder and Jean Dach won door prizes of poinsettias and. Fern Sinclair won a Charlie Brown tree.

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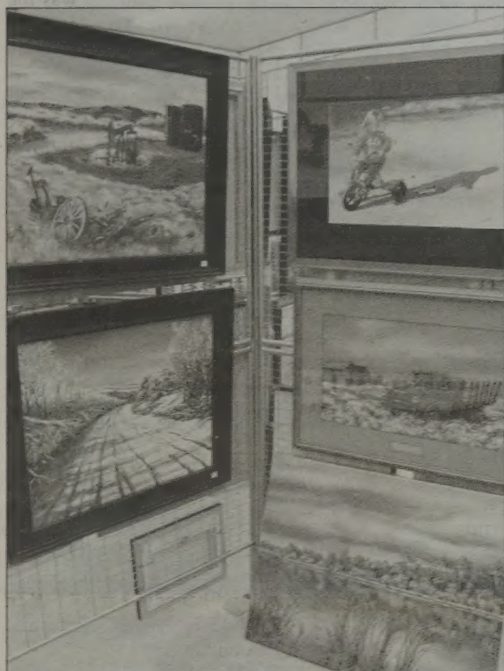
Love Mom

*We should have never lost a loving
brother,
It forever hurts to say your name,
So very hard to understand your illness
Our empty hearts will never be the
same.*

Love Sherry, Glen, Neil,
Connie and our families.



Rita Sanregret and Lucille Smith led the singing of favourite carols.



Local talent

Paintings by local artists, including art show organizer Shirley Kinneberg, were on display at the Seniors' Recreation Centre during Extravaganza.



Gabe Bayduza played the well-loved Christmas carols for the sing-along.

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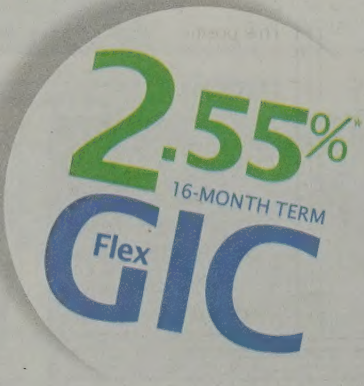
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War games!

Auctioneer Bernie Poitras climbed onto a chair in the midst of the crowd packing the front hallway of F. G. Miller High School as he took the bids in the first-ever Locker Wars, hosted by the Parent Councils of FGM and Elk Point Elementary Schools. At right, the evening's top bidder, Scott Bannister, keeps a close eye on his daughter as she cuts open the lock to check out their \$1,400 worth of contents.



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Elk Point artist Linda Hymanyk chats with Louise Kurash and Deanna Easthope at Friday's art show. Her drawing of Elk Point's original train station is shown at right.



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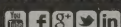
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Prairie EMS

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Organizations that choose to pursue accreditation through Accreditation Canada are held to standards that meet or exceed established national benchmarks. Once an organization has been accredited through Accreditation Canada, continuous improvement measures are put in place to ensure a consistent level of service is maintained while continually striving for the next level of excellence in care.

Prairie EMS and its parent company, MedWest, began the accreditation process in July 2012. The process of becoming accredited is a lengthy one, and a year later, Prairie EMS achieved the Primer Level of Accreditation in September 2013.

Attaining the Primer Level of Accreditation was a lengthy process involving a variety of stakeholders and the development of the Prairie EMS accreditation team.

"The Prairie EMS accreditation team was established to review and develop practices, policies, procedures and plans that are in keeping with Accreditation Canada's standards," said Hargreaves. "After identifying and addressing areas that needed improvement, the accreditation team then arranged for a site survey to be performed by Accreditation Canada Site Surveyors."

The survey, which lasted three days, identified 89 procedures and practices which were measured for compliance against national standards. The surveyors visited Prairie EMS' administration and three of seven response divisions. The survey involved a policy and procedures audit, documentation audit, interviews with clients, management and staff, provincial authorities and medical directors.

At the end of the survey Accreditation Canada's team provided a report with their findings and recommendations to the Accreditation Board who subsequently reviewed the results and awarded Prairie EMS with the Primer Level of Accreditation.

"Once we received the final report and accreditation, we were very proud of our accomplishments and our involvement in the entire process. However, this is just the first step for Prairie

EMS. We are now in the process of working toward full accreditation."

Full accreditation involves further evaluation and implementation of all relevant Accreditation Canada standards – over 300 of them. This process also involves staff input through multiple online and site surveys of all of Prairie EMS' divisions. The scheduled completion date for full accreditation has been established for spring 2015.

"Recognizing this prestigious award means our organization is moving in the right direction, providing a comprehensive and high quality of emergency medical services in the areas that we serve," said Hargreaves. "The communities which Prairie EMS serves will know and see that Prairie EMS is committed to and working toward providing the highest quality of emergency medical services possible and is committed to patient and staff safety."

The province of Alberta has implemented a Health Ministerial mandate stipulating that all emergency medical services in Alberta are accredited through Accreditation Canada by the spring of 2017. This mandate will help to ensure that all EMS providers in the province are delivering a consistent level of care across the board.

"The mandate imposed by the government of Alberta is one that we fully support as it will allow for a higher level of healthcare throughout the entire province. However, this was not the motivating factor for us to pursue this accreditation. We are eager to seek out areas of improvement so our service delivery and culture of patient safety continues to meet and exceed national standards."

"Attaining this level of accreditation would not have been possible without the involvement of our staff throughout all levels of the organization," stated Hargreaves. "We are extremely proud of what we have accomplished through this process and look forward to what the future holds for our organization. We are confident that we're moving in the right direction and this process validates our commitment to comprehensive, safe and efficient operations and client care."



Mike Chubey of the Elk Point Elks presents the Final Score prize to Jim Ross...

Elks Lodge cheers Riders to victory

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Elk Point Elks Lodge

"Celebration of Rider Nation" was a most appropriate slogan heard everywhere after the Saskatchewan Roughriders mounted a convincing 45-23 victory over the visiting Hamilton Tiger Cats and were presented the coveted big silver trophy, the Grey Cup. Things seemed no different in the Lodge Room of the Elk Point Elks Lodge No. 460 as they also celebrated the 2013 Grey Cup. Nearly 40 Elks, spouses, friends and even kids helped the game proceed by cheering for their favorite team.

At half-time, a fabulous and superb Filipino-style buffet was served, again prepared by member Allan Berg and family for the very appreciative crowd. At the end of each quarter of the football game, the winning pool ticket winner was announced to the sounds of some cheers and some

boos! Not everyone was a winner. Those who took home prizes were as follows: First Quarter, \$100 went to Jill McDonald, Second Quarter, \$100 awarded to Leo Dakin, Third Quarter \$100 winner was Jacqueline Morin, and finally, the \$300 Final Score prize went to Jim Ross.

The Elks appreciate all those who purchased the pool tickets to help in our fundraising event, and also all those who came to help celebrate once again. Hope to see you all next season.



...Third Quarter prize to Jacqueline Morin...



...Second Quarter prize to Leo Dakin...



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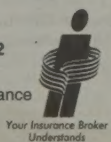
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Santa visits with a pair of tiny tots while photographer Leanne Gilbert encourages them to smile for the camera as their visit is captured for the family album at Extravaganza's Photos with Santa session.



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Elk Point Christmas Extravaganza 2013

So many choices! Two young ladies find lots to choose from at the Scholastic Book Fair at Elk Point Outreach School.

Adult readers, below, also had a new book to peruse, as they checked out the new volume of 'Our Past' by Steve Andrishak at the craft show and trade fair.



Drum roll, please!

Elk Point Co-op manager Mark Gormley, Chamber of Commerce president Debra McQuinn and her daughter Jessica are all ready to make the prize draw.

Vicki Brooker photos

